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## STREET, SHADE AND LAWN TREES TO MEET EVERY PURPOSE

Now that the devastation resulting from Dutch Elm Disease is becoming more and more widespread throughout Northern Illinois\*, there has been a marked change in the heretofore apathetic attitude of many public officials and property owners regarding the disease and the necessity of arresting its spread. With control efforts seemingly accomplishing negligible results, however, attention is being diverted to other usable trees, which while they cannot be expected to take the place of American Elm, are nevertheless considered potentially desirable subjects for landscape planting.

The following reference chart includes seventy-six ornamental trees classified according to rate of growth. Those designated as "fast" can, after they have become established, be expected to grow two feet or more annually during their juvenile years, those designated "moderate," from one to two feet, and the "slow" growers, one foot or less. The tabulation is further subdivided on the basis of approximate ultimate size under local growing conditions, with the "small" trees including those up to 30 ft. in height, the "medium" group those ranging from 30 to 50 ft. and the "tall" growers, subjects 50 ft. or over. Also indicated on the chart is the tree's shape or outline, a significant factor in determining its correct usage, the areas in which it may be expected to thrive, its ornamental attractions and resistance to insect and disease pests. In the remarks column other special features, faults and limitations are noted. In connection with use sites, the recommendations for urban conditions (areas in which multiple dwellings predominate) should, unless otherwise stated, prove equally suited to suburban and rural areas.

\*In four years the City of Rockford has already lost 4000 of its 47,000 Elms, and it is estimated that a further loss of as many as 10,000 trees will occur annually during the next several years. At the Morton Arboretum, the experience has been proportionately the same, 208 elms having been lost (to July 12) since the first four cases of Dutch Elm Disease were discovered in 1956.

Down state in Champaign-Urbana where 8,397 elms or 57% of the original elm population has succumbed, the folly of limiting street tree plantings to a single genus has been forcibly demonstrated. More diversification in the choice of trees is recommended, particularly in the case of street tree projects. For this purpose it is an economic and aesthetic mistake to plant more than 10 to 12% of a cities' streets to any one species.

# FAST GROWERS (2 ft. or more annually)

## Small Trees (to 30 ft. or less)

NAME	SHAPE	AREA OF ADAPTABILITY	SPECIAL INTERESTS	REMARKS
<i>Morus alba</i> Kingan Fruitless Mulberry	Round	Urban	Fol. (dark green) F.C.	R.

## Medium Sized Trees (30 to 50 ft.)

<i>Ailanthus altissima</i> Tree of Heaven	Round	Urban	Fol. (luxuriant) Fr. (red, very showy)	R. Use pistillate form only, staminate fls. ill scented; seeds prolifically
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## Tall Trees (50 ft. or over)

<i>Acer saccharinum pyramidale</i> . Improved Silver Maple	Pyr.	Urb-Sub.	Fol. F.C.	R. More resistant to wind and ice breakage than the type
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica lanceolata</i> Green Ash	Oval to rounded	Urban	Fol. F.C. (yellow)	R. Tolerates drouth, excessive moisture, wind
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos inermis</i> and selected clones ('Moraine', 'Imperial', 'Shademaster,' etc.)	Vase shapped, flat topped	Urb-Sub.	Fol. fine textured	Mod. R. Shade light but adequate
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i> Sycamore	Oval	Sub-Rural	Fol. (coarse) Bk (mottled)	Mod. R. Likes moisture; a dirty tree
<i>Populus alba</i> White Poplar	Oval	Urban	Fol. dark green with felty white under surface; bk. (greenish-gray)	Mod. R. Suckers; roots clog drains
<i>Quercus borealis maxima</i> Northern Red Oak	Round	Urban	Fol. (glossy) F.C. (orange, red)	Mod. R. Subject to Oak Wilt
<i>Salix alba tristis</i> Golden Weeping Willow	Weeping	Urban /	Fls. (catkins), Twigs (golden yellow)	R. Graceful; roots clog drains; branches brittle

## ABBREVIATIONS

Irr. = Irregular	Urb. = Urban (areas of multiple dwellings	Fol. = Foliage	R. = Resistant to pests
Pyr. = Pyramidal		F.C. = Fall foliage color	Mod. R. = Moderately resistant to pests
Umbr. = Umbrella	Sub. = Suburban	Fls. = Flowers	
	Rur. = Rural	Fr. = Fruit	
		Bk. = Bark	

# MODERATE GROWERS

(1 to 2 ft. annually)

## Small Trees (to 30 ft. or less)

NAME	SHAPE	AREA OF ADAPTABILITY	SPECIAL INTERESTS	REMARKS
<i>Acer ginnala</i> Amur Maple	Round	Urb-Sub.	Fol. Fr. (red) F.C. (orange to scarlet)	R. Dense
<i>Alnus glutinosa pyramidalis</i> Pyramidal European Alder	Narrow Pyr.	Urb-Sub.	Fol. Fls. (catkins) Upright growth habit	R.
<i>Betula populifolia</i> Gray Birch	Pyr. to Irr.	Sub.	Bk. (white) F.C. (yellow)	Mod. R. Borers the most troublesome problem
<i>Castanea mollissima</i> Chinese Chestnut	Round	Sub.	Fol. Fls. (white) Fr.	R. Fls. odoriferous
<i>Cercis canadensis</i> Eastern Redbud	Vase shaped to Irr.	Sub-Rural	Fls. (rose pink before the leaves) Fol. F.C. (yellow)	Mod. R.
<i>Crataegus crus galli</i> Cockspur Hawthorn	Umbr.	Urban	Fls. (May) Fol. (glossy) Fr.	R. An excellent subject
<i>Crataegus phaenopyrum</i> Washington Hawthorn	Columnar to rounded	Urban	Fls. Fol. (glossy) F.C. (orange scarlet) Fr. (Chinese red)	R. Tolerates clipping well
<i>Crataegus punctata</i> Dotted Hawthorn	Umbr.	Urban	Fls. (late) Fol.	R. The flattest topped Hawthorn; picturesque
<i>Magnolia salicifolia</i> Anise Magnolia	Pyr.	Urb-Sub.	Fls. (white) Fol.	R. Shapely form; the earliest species to flower
<i>Magnolia soulangeana</i> Saucer Magnolia	Oval to Irr.	Urb-Sub.	Fls. (rose pink) Fol. (bold)	R. Early flowering, sometimes frosted
<i>Malus arnoldiana</i> Arnold Crab	Umbr. to rounded	Urban	Fls. (pink in bud opening white); Fr. (yellow-red)	R. Floriferous
<i>Malus baccata mandshurica</i> Manchurian Crab	Round	Urban	Fls. (white)	R. The earliest species to flower
<i>Malus purpurea lemoinei</i> Lemoine Crab	Round	Urban	Fls. (dark red) Fr. (purplish red)	R. One of the darkest flowered crabs
<i>Malus zumi calocarpa</i> Japanese Zumi Crab	Round	Urban	Fls. (white) Fr. (red or yellow)	R. Floriferous; fruit persistent
<i>Tilia platyphyllos pyramidalis</i> Pyramidal Bigleaf Linden	Pyr.	Urban	Fol. Form	R. An accent tree

## Medium Sized Trees (30 to 50 ft.)

<i>Acer miyabei</i> Miyabe Maple	Pyr.	Sub-Rural	Fol. F.C. (clear gold)	R. Shapely
<i>Acer platanoides</i> Norway Maple	Round	Urban	Fls. (yellow) Fol. (dark green) F.C. (late)	Mod. R. Furnishes heavy shade; fol. persistent



# MEDIUM SIZE TREES—Continued

NAME	SHAPE	AREA OF ADAPTABILITY	SPECIAL INTERESTS	REMARKS
<i>Acer rubrum</i> Red Maple	Oval	Sub-Rural	Fls. Fr. (red) Fol. F.C. (red) Bk. (gray)	Mod. R. Tolerates moist locations; female fls. bright red
<i>Aesculus glabra</i> Ohio Buckeye	Oval to rounded	Urban	Fls. Fol. F.C. (orange)	Mod. R. Leafs early; colors early in fall
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i> European Alder	Oval Pyr. to Irr.	Sub-Rural	Fls. (brownish catkins) Fol. (dark green)	R. Picturesque; prefers moist locations
<i>Betula nigra</i> River Birch	Irr.-to oval	Sub-Rural	Bk. shaggy orange	R. Prefers moist locations
<i>Betula papyrifera</i> Paper Birch	Pyr. to oval	Sub-Rural	Fol. F.C. (yellow) Bk. (white)	Mod. R. Picturesque; subject to borer damage
<i>Carya cordiformis</i> Bitternut Hickory	Rounded	Sub-Rural	F.C. (yellow) Winter buds yellow	R. Fastest growing hickory; difficult to transplant
<i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i> Katsura Tree	Pyr. to rounded	Sub-Rural	Fol F.C. (yellow to purple)	R. Usually multiple trunked
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i> European Ash	Oval to rounded	Urban	Fol. (deep green)	R. Uniform in shape
<i>Magnolia acuminata</i> Cucumber Tree	Pyr. to rounded	Sub-Rural	Fol. (bold textured) Fr.	R. Shapely
<i>Phellodendron amurense</i> Amur Cork Tree	Round (short trunked)	Urban	Fol. F.C. (yellow)	R. Bark corky
<i>Phellodendron chinense</i> Chinese Cork Tree	Round (short trunked)	Urban	Fol. (dark green) F.C. (yellow) Fr. (olive green to black)	R. Fruit spectacular
<i>Prunus padus commutata</i> Harbinger European Birdcherry	Round	Urban	Fls. (white, early) Fol. F.C.	R. Early leafing; effective in bloom
<i>Prunus sargentii</i> Sargent Cherry	Round	Sub-Rural	Fls. (deep pink) F.C. red	R. The hardiest of the oriental cherries
<i>Quercus robur fastigiata</i> Pyramidal English Oak	Columnar	Sub-Rural	Fol.	R. A narrow spire-like accent tree
<i>Tilia cordata</i> Littleleaf Linden	Pyr. to oval	Urban	Fol. Fls. (July, fragrant) F.C. (yellow)	R. Dense, symmetrical
<i>Tilia euchlora</i> Crimean Linden	Oval	Urban	Fol. (glossy dark green) Fls. (very fragrant)	R. Graceful habit
<i>Tilia moltkei</i> Moltke Linden	Oval	Urban	Fol. coarse	R. Stately

**Tall Trees**  
(50 ft. or over)

NAME	SHAPE	AREA OF ADAPTABILITY	SPECIAL INTERESTS	REMARKS
<i>Catalpa speciosa</i> Northern Catalpa	Oval- pyr.	Urban	Fol. (coarse) Fls. (white, late June)	R. Tolerates heat and drouth; a dirty tree for street planting
<i>Fraxinus americana</i> White Ash	Oval- round	Sub- Rural	Fol. F.C. (purplish bronze)	R. Tolerant of growing conditions; late leafing; drops leaves early
<i>Fraxinus tomentosa</i> Pumpkin Ash	Oval	Sub- Rural	Fol. (large) F.C. (yellow)	Mod. R. Symmetrical
<i>Fraxinus quadrangulata</i> Blue Ash	Round	Urban	Fol. F.C. (pale yellow) Twigs 4-sided	Mod. R. Of uniform outline
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> Tulip Tree	Pyr.- Oval	Sub- Rural	Fls. (tulip-like) Fol. (yellow-green) F.C. (clear gold)	R. Stately; prefers a moist, well drained soil
<i>Platanus acerifolia</i> London Plane	Round	Urban	Fol. (bold); Bk (mottled)	Mod. R. Smoke tolerant; tip growth tender during severe winters
<i>Quercus coccinea</i> Scarlet Oak	Irr. to rounded	Sub- Rural	Fol. (glossy green) F.C. (bright scarlet)	Mod. R. Prefers dry sandy soil; moderate to slow growing
<i>Quercus imbricaria</i> Shingle Oak	Oval	Sub- Rural	Fol. (glossy) F.C.	R. Foliage resembles Bay Laurel
<i>Quercus palustris</i> Pin Oak	Pyr. to round	Urban	Fol. (glossy) F.C. (red)	R. Distinctive in outline. Moderate to fast growing
<i>Tilia petiolaris</i> Pendent Silver Linden	Narrow oval	Sub- Rural	Fol. (silvery white beneath) Branches pendent	R. Graceful
<i>Tilia tomentosa</i> Silver Linden	Oval	Sub- Rural	Fol. (dark green with white undersurfaces)	R. Shapely

**SLOW GROWERS**  
(1 ft. or less annually)

**Small Trees**  
(to 30 ft. or less)

NAME	SHAPE	AREA OF ADAPTABILITY	SPECIAL INTERESTS	REMARKS
<i>Aesculus carnea brioti</i> Ruby Horsechestnut	Round	Sub- Rural	Fol. (bold textured, dark green) Fls. (rose pink, late May)	R. Spectacular in flower
<i>Amelanchier grandiflora</i> Snowy Shadblow	Hori- zontal	Urban	Fls. (white) Fr. (blue, June) F.C. (terra cotta)	R. Very picturesque
<i>Carpinus betulus</i> European Hornbeam	Round	Urban	Fol. F.C. (yellow) Fr. Bk. (smooth gray)	R. Dense and compact; foliage persistent; a fine screen plant
<i>Carpinus betulus fastigiata</i> Pyramidal European Hornbeam	Columnar	Urban	Fol. F.C. Bk.	R. Excellent accent or screen tree
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> American Hornbeam	Irr. to rounded	Sub- Rural	Fr. F.C. (orange) Bk. (gray)	R. Picturesque multi-trunked tree
<i>Crataegus lavallei</i> Lavalle Hawthorn	Hori- zontal to rounded	Urban	Fol. (glossy) Fr. (red, persistent)	R. Picturesque
<i>Malus sargentii</i> Sargent Crabapple	Flat topped	Urban	Fls. (late white) Fr. (small, red)	R. The pygmy of the crabs
<i>Malus "Strathmore"</i> Strathmore Crabapple	Fastigate	Urban	Fls. (pink) Fol. (reddish)	R. An accent tree; slow to moderate growing

**Medium Sized Trees**  
(30 to 50 ft.)

<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i> Horse-chestnut	Oval	Sub- Rural	Fol. (bold) Fls. (white, May)	Mod. R. Stately; foliage subject to leaf scorch
<i>Corylus colurna</i> Turkish Hazel	Pyr. to oval	Sub- Rural	Fol.	R. Shapely, robust

# MEDIUM SIZE TREES—Continued

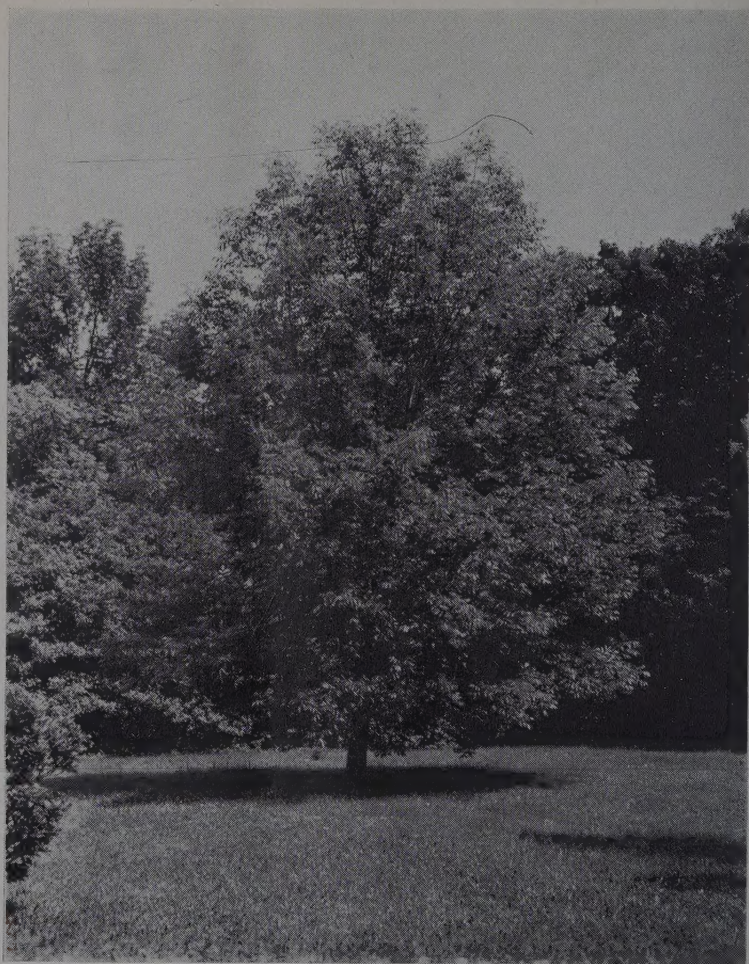
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<i>Diospyros virginiana</i> Persimmon	Oval to Irr.	Sub-Rural	Fol. Fr. (orange, edible) Bk. (checkered)	R. Picturesque
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> Sour Gum, Tupelo	Pyr. to Irr.	Sub-Rural	Fol. (glossy) F.C. (scarlet)	R. Picturesque
<i>Ostrya virginiana</i> Ironwood	Pyr. to rounded	Sub-Rural	Fol. Fls. (catkins) Fr. (hop-like)	R. Shade Tolerant
<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i> Chinese Elm (true)	Round	Urban	Fol. (glossy green) Fls. (autumn) Bk.	R. Slower growing than <i>Ulmus pumila</i> ; resistant to elm pests

## Tall Trees (50 ft. or over)

<i>Acer saccharum</i> Sugar Maple	Oval	Sub-Rural	Fls. (pale yellow) Fol. F.C. (yellow to orange red)	Mod. R. Stately
<i>Carya ovata</i> Shagbark Hickory	Oval	Sub-Rural	Fol. Fr. Bk. (very shaggy) F.C. (yellow)	R. Very slow growing
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i> Hackberry	Vase shaped to rounded	Urban	Fol. F.C. (light yellow) Bk.	Mod. R. Similar in form to American Elm; sub- ject to Witches Broom
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i> American Beech	Round	Sub-Rural	Fol. (deep green) F.C. (gold to russet) Bk. (smooth blue gray)	R. A gregarious tree; difficult to transplant; foliage persistent
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> European Beech	Oval pyr. to rounded	Sub-Rural	Fol. (deep green) F.C. (gold to russet) Bk. (smooth gray)	R. Handsome specimen tree; of slow growth; foliage persistent
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i> Ginkgo	Pyr. to Irr.	Urban	Fol. (light green) F.C. (clear yel- low)	R. Very tolerant of growing conditions
<i>Gymnocladus dioica</i> Kentucky Coffee Tree	Oval to vase shaped	Sub-Rural	Fol. (luxuriant) Fr. brown pods) Bk.	R. Of sparse branching habit
<i>Quercus alba</i> White Oak	Round	Sub-Rural	Fls. Fol. F.C. (wine red)	R. Of majestic bearing; slow growing

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Pumpkin Ash, *Fraxinus tomentosa* Michx.,  
large leaved species of symmetrical habit.

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